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a LCD coupled to the LCD housing;

wherein the LCD housing functions as a light pipe for conducting [conducts] light from the light source to the LCD and protects the LCD.

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16. (Twice Amended) A computer comprising:

a display panel;

first means for generating light for the display panel; and

second means for housing the display panel, wherein the second [housing] means functions as a light pipe and conducts [is for conducting] light between the first means for generating light and the display panel.

17. (Twice Amended) A method for conducting light in a computer system having a LCD and a LCD housing comprising:

generating light; and

conducting the generated light through the LCD housing, wherein the LCD housing functions as a light pipe for illuminating the LCD and protects the LCD.

II. Remarks

The above amendments and these remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action of June 9, 1999. In that action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of U.S. Patent No. 5,661,578 to Habing et al. In a telephone conference, the Examiner indicated that the invention disclosed had clear novelty, but